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Dear Friends of Forests,

I am writing to encourage you to stick with the Northwest Forest Plan that brought many parties to the table, and has been one area of agreement among most participants.

I especially believe that revisions would be harmful to marbled murrelets and spotted owls in Oregon. Please keep the 470,000 acres of reserves for endangered species. In the larger scope of our world, this is a small thing, but extremely valuable for the well-being of our State.

Please continue to hold for posterity the old growth forests that remain in Oregon. There are so few and they are each treasures in their own right.

I whole-heartedly support thinning of the many forests that have been replanted. (How thankful I am for Oregon's wisdom in the law to replant!) Even in second-growth forests, thinning would be so healthy for our trees. Over here in Central Oregon, I have noted with dismay the great number of red-needle trees that lead up to our Three Sisters Wilderness area. For more than 50 years, my husband and I have climbed in the wilderness areas. We would be heartbroken if fire devastated this beautiful place.

Thank you for allowing comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Elsa Ruth Douglass